

Appl. No. 10/785,522  
Amdt. dated 01/25/2006  
Response to Office Action of 11/29/2005

Attorney Docket No.: N1085-90179  
TSMC2002-0115

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-41 were previously pending in this application, with claims 1-14 and 39-41 previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 19-38 have been allowed. Claims 17 and 18 were objected to and claims 15 and 16 were rejected. Claims 15 and 18 are hereby amended and claim 17 cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits that each of pending claims 15, 16 and 18-38 is now allowable.

#### **I. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating, in paragraph 3 of the Office Action, that claims 19-38 have been allowed.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating, in paragraph 4 of the Office Action, that claims 17 and 18 were objected to and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claim.

#### **II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

In the Office Action, specifically in paragraph 2, claims 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(d) as being anticipated by Wong et al., USPN 5,909,387, hereinafter "Wong".

These claim rejections are obviated because independent claim 15 has been amended to add the features of objected-to claim 17 and is therefore now in allowable form as indicated by the Examiner in paragraph 4 of the Office Action, and as repeated in Section I., above. Claim 17 has been cancelled and claim 18 amended to now depend from claim 15.

Claim 16 is in allowable form due to its direct dependency from independent claim 15 and therefore the rejection of claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wong, should be withdrawn.

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**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing, each of pending claims 15, 16 and 18-38 is in allowable form and the application is therefore in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully and expeditiously requested.

- 5 The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to Deposit Account 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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